

## Message Text

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HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN MARIANA ISLANDS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, OVIP, FJ  
SUBJECT: PM INTEREST IN BRIEFING ON MICRONESIA

REF: SUVA 0602

1. IN THE COURSE OF MY COURTESY CALL ON PM RATU MARA (REFTEL)  
I MADE A REFERENCE TO THE FORTHCOMING DECLARATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE  
BY A NUMBER OF SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS HE BECAME ANIMATED AND  
PHILOSOPHICAL. HE LAMENTED THE FACT THAT MODERN POLITICAL  
PHILOSOPHERS HAVE NOT GONE BEYOND THE CONCEPTS OF 18TH CENTURY  
POLITICAL THINKING CONCERNING SUCH NOTIONS AS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE  
AND PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE DICHOTOMY  
BETWEEN INDEPENDENCE AND LACK THEREOF AND WONDERED WHY THERE SHOULD  
NOT  
BE MORE IMAGINATION EXERCISED IN SEEKING OTHER CONCEPTS AND  
FRAMEWORKS FOR AN EXPRESSION OF NATIONAL WILL AND IDENTITY.

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2. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL HIS ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT  
OUR NEGOTIATORS WITH THE TRUST TERRITORIES IN THE NORTH PACIFIC  
ARE ENGAGED IN PRECISELY THIS KIND OF SEARCH FOR NEW FORMS OF  
NATIONAL EXISTENCE. HE SHOWED INTEREST AND VOLUNTEERED THAT HE  
HAD BEEN INVITED TWICE TO VISIT MICRONESIA BUT HAS NOT BEEN  
ABLE TO DO SO. I MENTIONED THAT THE U.S. NEGOTIATOR ROSENBLATT,  
IS PLANNING A VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND IF HE,

RATU MARA, WAS INTERESTED IN A BRIEFING I'M SURE AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT COULD BE PERSUADED TO STOP IN SUVA. HE QUICKLY EXPRESSED SUCH INTEREST AND ASKED ME TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT.

3. THE PM CONTINUED HIS PHILOSOPHIZING BY CONDEMNING THE TENDENCY OF ISLAND COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AFTER INDEPENDENCE ALONG THE LINES OF WESTMINISTER. HE BECAME

INSENSIBLE AS HE CRITICIZED SMALL COUNTRIES WHICH ALTHOUGH LACKING IN HUMAN RESOURCES GO AHEAD AND DIVIDE THE FEW COMPETENT PEOPLE THEY HAVE INTO TWO BLOCKS, ONE IN THE GOVERNMENT, THE OTHER IN THE OPPOSITION. HE THOUGHT THAT ALL OF THESE PEOPLE SITTING IN SOME KIND OF A "NATIONAL COUNCIL" REACHING CONSENSUS DECISIONS THEN COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO WORK FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF COMMON GOALS WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE SYSTEM AND JUST AS DEMOCRATIC AS A PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY.

4. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE PM WAS EXPRESSING DEEPLY HELD VIEWS WITH A PERCEPTIBLE CRITICAL TINGE ON WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND INSTITUTIONS. WHILE IT WILL BE WRONG TO OVEREMPHASIZE THIS CRITICAL BENT IT SHOULD BE NEVERTHELESS KEPT IN MIND AS A KEY TO UNDERSTANDING RATU MARA'S ACTIONS AND VIEWS REGARDING THE EVOLUTION AND STRUCTURE OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT ISLAND COUNTRIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHEN AMBASSADOR ROSENBLATT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS PLANNING HIS VISIT TO THE AREA AND WHETHER HE COULD INCLUDE, AS WE URGE HIM TO DO, A STOP IN SUVA TO BRIEF RATU MARA AND POSSIBLY OTHER FIJIAN LEADERS.  
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